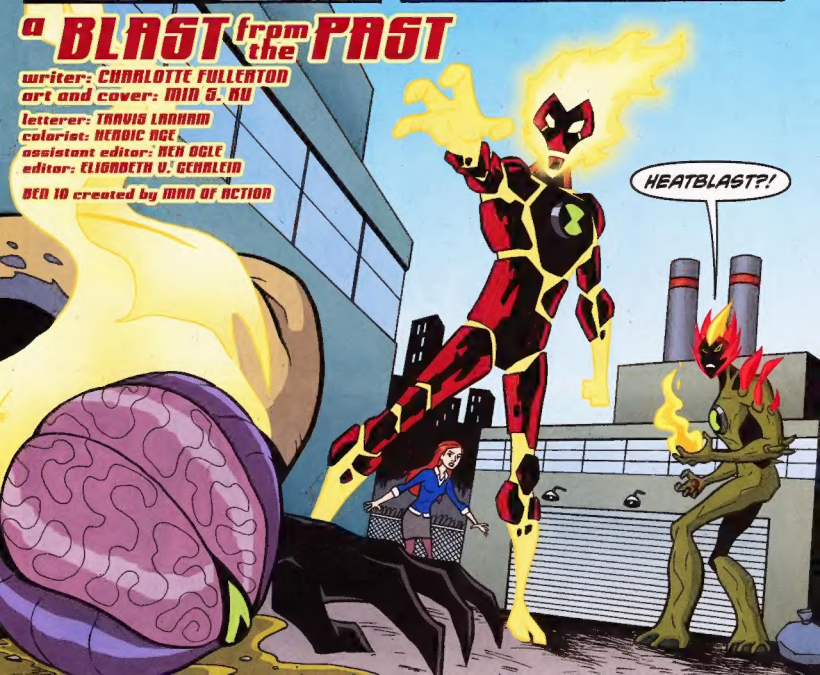
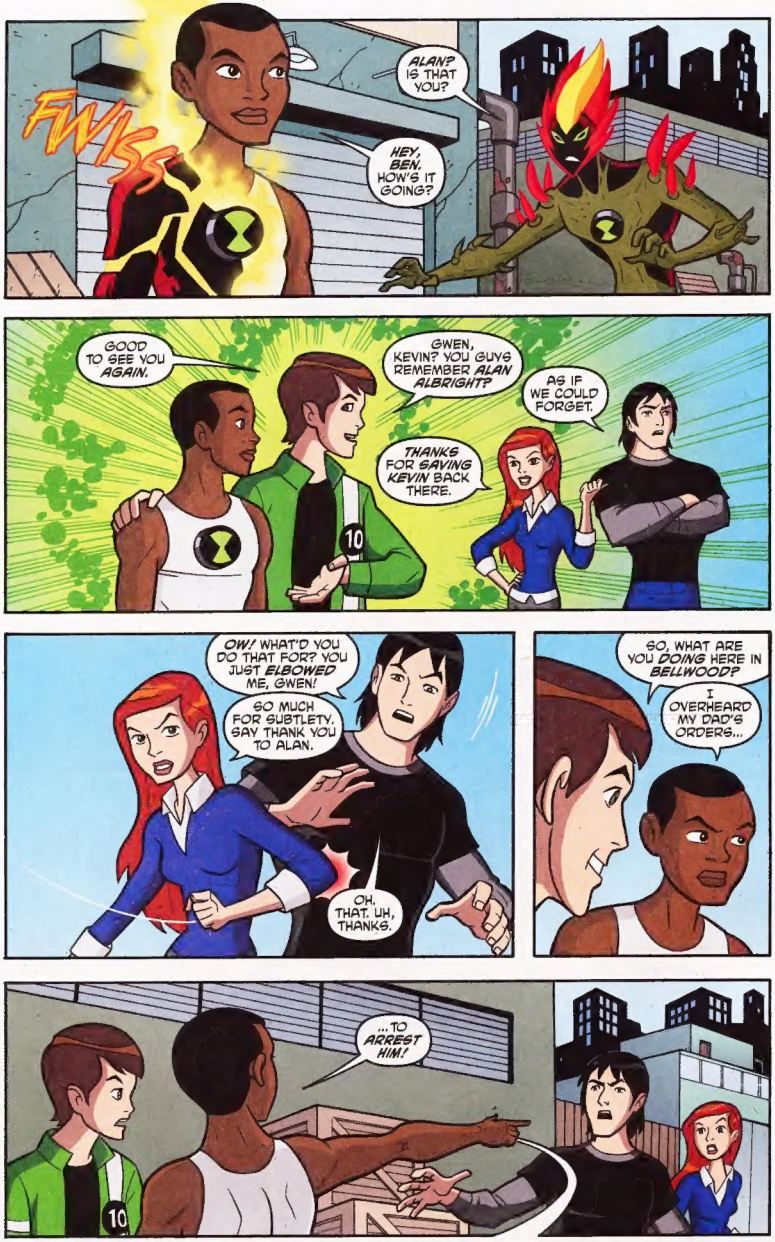
DC
#31
JAN '09
$2.25
us/can
CN
CARTOON NETWORK
ACTION PACK!
BEN 10
ALIEN FORCE
SAMURAI JACK
CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR
DIRECT SALES
dccomics.com

LOOK OUT! THERE ARE STILL A COUPLE OF DNALIENS LEFT!
KA-CHOOM
NOT FOR LONG. HAVE SOME SWAMPFIRE!
FWOOSH
BEEP BEEP BEEP
WHY DOES YOUR PLUMBER'S BADGE KEEP BEEPING, KEVIN?

a BLAST from the PAST

writer: CHARLOTTE FULLERTON
art and cover: MIN S. KU
letterer: TRAVIS LANHAM
colorist: HEROIC AGE
assistant editor: KEN OGLE
editor: ELIZABETH V. GEHRLEIN
BEN 10 created by MAN OF ACTION




FWISS
ALAN? IS THAT YOU?
HEY, BEN. HOW'S IT GOING?
GOOD TO SEE YOU AGAIN.
GWEN, KEVIN? YOU GUYS REMEMBER ALAN ALBRIGHT?
AS IF WE COULD FORGET.
THANKS FOR SAVING KEVIN BACK THERE.
OW! WHAT'D YOU DO THAT FOR? YOU JUST ELBOWED ME, GWEN!
SO MUCH FOR SUBTLETY. SAY THANK YOU TO ALAN.
OH. THAT. UH, THANKS.
SO, WHAT ARE YOU DOING HERE IN BELLWOOD?
I OVERHEARD MY DAD'S ORDERS...
...TO ARREST HIM!

KEVIN--
WHAT DID YOU DO?!
NOTHING, I SWEAR!
RECENTLY.
THEN WHY DO THE PLUMBERS HAVE AN ALL-POINTS BULLETIN OUT FOR YOU?
HOW WOULD YOU KNOW? OH, THAT'S RIGHT. YOUR DAD IS ONE OF THOSE INTERGALACTIC COP GUYS.
DON'T THINK YOU'RE SO SPECIAL. MY MOM TOLD ME MY DAD WAS A PLUMBER TOO.
AS SOON AS I HEARD THEY WERE COMING AFTER YOU, I USED THE PLUMBER'S BADGE MY DAD GAVE ME A WHILE BACK TO TRACK YOURS.
BEEP BEEP BEEP
SMART.
BUT WHAT MAKES YOU THINK...
...I'M GOING TO COME QUIETLY?!
KRAK
AH!

STAY OUT OF THIS, GWEN!
KA-ZUNK
DEPUTY HEATBLAST JUNIOR HERE CAN FIGHT HIS OWN BATTLES.

FWOOM
LOOK, KEVIN, I'M JUST TRYING TO--

KER-WHAM
UNGHH!!
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?!
I THINK IT'S PRETTY SELF-EXPLANATORY.

KEEP IT UP, YOU TWO. GIVE ME A REASON TO BECOME HUMONGOUSAUR!
WAIT!
I'M NOT HERE TO TAKE KEVIN IN! I JUST CAME TO WARN HIM THAT HE'S ON THE PLUMBER'S MOST WANTED LIST!

OH. SORRY, DUDE. MY BAD.

SERIOUSLY, YOU GUYS, I CAN'T THINK OF ANY REASON WHY THE PLUMBERS WOULD BE OUT TO GET ME. NOW.
THINK HARDER.
UH, BEN?
I THINK WE'RE ABOUT TO FIND OUT.
HALT!
SCREEECH
UM... NO?
KA-BOOM
FIRE!
KA-BOOM

HEY! WATCH IT!
WE'RE ON YOUR SIDE!
WE'RE THE GOOD GUYS!
YEAH, WHAT THEY SAID.
FIRE!
GET BEHIND ME!
KRAK
KRAK
KRAK
HM, ALL THIS ENERGY IN THE AIR.
LOOKS LIKE A JOB FOR...
...CHROMASTONE!
I DON'T WANT TO HURT YOU, PLUMBERS! KEEP YOUR ALIEN TECH WEAPONS TO YOURSELVES, AND LET'S TALK THIS OVER.
KRAAK
TRUCE?
ZZZT
NEVER!

THEY'RE ALL DNALIENS!
YOU TAKE THAT ONE! I'LL TAKE THESE TWO!
ALAN! LOOK OUT!
EW! DNALIEN RESIN! UH-OH, IT'S ALREADY HARDENED. I'M STUCK!
SPTOO
FWOOM
KLUD
COME ON, FASTER! MELT ALREADY!
TWO DOWN! FOUR TO GO!
TWO!
ONE!
WHERE IS IT?
FWOOSH
GRAHRGH!

KER-CLUNK
gasp!
YOU'RE WELCOME.
FWISS
THANKS.
GLAD YOU'RE STILL ONE OF THE GOOD GUYS AFTER ALL.
WAS THERE EVER ANY DOUBT?
IT'S NOT OVER YET. WE'VE GOT TO LET THE REAL PLUMBERS KNOW THAT APB ABOUT KEVIN WAS A FAKE MESSAGE PLANTED BY SOME DNALIENS.
I'LL TAKE CARE OF IT. ER, I MEAN MY DAD WILL, ONCE I TELL HIM.
LUCKY GUY. IF MY PLUMBER DAD WAS STILL AROUND LIKE ALAN'S, MAYBE I'D HAVE A SHOT AT BECOMING A PLUMBER MYSELF SOMEDAY...
THE END

HEY KIDS IT'S ANOTHER
SUPER FRIENDS SUPER STUMPER
BY SHOLLY FISCH & TY TEMPLETON
GREETINGS! I AM THE ALL-POWERFUL WIZARD, FELIX FAUST! NOT EVEN THE SUPER FRIENDS CAN STAND AGAINST MY MAGICAL MIGHT!
YOU DON'T BELIEVE ME? THEN I SHALL PROVE IT-- --BY READING YOUR MIND!
THINK OF ANY NUMBER BETWEEN ONE AND FIFTY.
NO, NO! DON'T TELL ME WHAT IT IS!
GOT IT? NOW ADD EIGHT TO YOUR NUMBER.
-5
+7
-6
NEXT, SUBTRACT FIVE.
ADD SEVEN.
SUBTRACT SIX.
FINALLY, SUBTRACT YOUR ORIGINAL NUMBER.
MY PSYCHIC ABILITIES TELL ME YOUR ANSWER IS...
FOUR!
BOW BEFORE THE MYSTIC POWER OF FELIX FAUST!
TODAY I'LL DEFEAT THE SUPER FRIENDS! TOMORROW I SHALL RULE THE WORLD!
SHEESH! DON'T BELIEVE THAT MIND-READING NONSENSE. THE ANSWER'S ALWAYS FOUR!
TRY IT ON YOUR FRIENDS AND SEE!
FOR MORE ADVENTURES, PUZZLES, AND FUN, READ...
DC SUPER FRIENDS

HULLO. HOW ARE YOU?
YOU WANT TO SPEAK TO MEP AND HEAR MY STORY?
HOW THINGS TURNED REALLY BAD FOR MY VILLAGE, AND HOW WE PRAYED AND WAITED FOR THE CAVALRY TO COME.
AND HOW THE CAVALRY FINALLY ARRIVED!
"IT STARTED WHEN SOME OF THE VILLAGE ELDERS SPOKE OUT AGAINST AKU."
1
2
3
SHH-BOOM
KRRASH
THEY ARE COMING! EVERYONE TO THE BUNKER!
"IN RETURN, AKU SENT A WRECKING CREW TO MAKE AN EXAMPLE OF US."
1
2
SHH-BOOM
KRRASH
FOOSH

WAITING FOR THE CAVALRY

JIM ALEXANDER • WRITER
TRAVIS LANHAM • LETTERER
REX OGLE • ASSISTANT EDITOR
PHILIP MOY • ARTIST
HEROIC AGE • COLORIST
ELISABETH V. GEHRLEIN • EDITOR

SAMURAI JACK CREATED BY GENNDY TARTAKOVSKY

"WE HAD TO RUN AND HIDE AND HOPE FOR A MIRACLE.
"HOPE THAT SOMETHING, *SOMEHOW*, WOULD COME AND SAVE US.
"SOON."
SHH...
SHUNK
SMASH

FOOSH
DUCK
TWIST
TTUNK
FOOSH
KA-
CHUNK
"AND THE CAVALRY CAME TO SAVE US.

"SAMURAI JACK CAME TO SAVE US."
"THE WRECKING CREW WAS DESTROYED, AND THE WHOLE VILLAGE GAVE JACK A HERO'S WELCOME!"
MARK THIS. AKU WILL THINK TWICE BEFORE SENDING HIS ROBOT CREW TO ATTACK AGAIN.
HURRAH!
"THEN JACK EXPLAINED THAT HE HAD TO LEAVE AND CONTINUE HIS QUEST.
"BUT BEFORE HE DID SO, HE STOPPED AND LOOKED RIGHT AT ME, AND..."
SO FAR, AKU HAS LEFT US ALONE TO REBUILD OUR VILLAGE. JUST LIKE SAMURAI JACK PROMISED.
AND YOU KNOW WHAT? WHEN I GROW UP I WANT TO BE THE CAVALRY! I WANT TO BE JUST LIKE HIM.
MY NAME IS JACK, TOO.
THAT'S A GOOD START!
THE END

WARNING! YOU ARE READING THE SOOPER CLASSIFIED MISSION FILES OF THE KIDS NEXT DOOR. A TEAM OF FIVE EXCEPTIONAL TEN-YEAR-OLDS DEDICATED TO FIGHTING THE TYRANNY OF ADULTS WHEREVER IT REARS ITS WRINKLY HEAD! THE SECRET'S OUT! ARE YOU IN?

CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR IN OPERATION: G.L.O.B.U.L.A.

(GARGANTUOUSLY LARGE OOZE BLITZES UNDERSEA LAB ANOMALY)

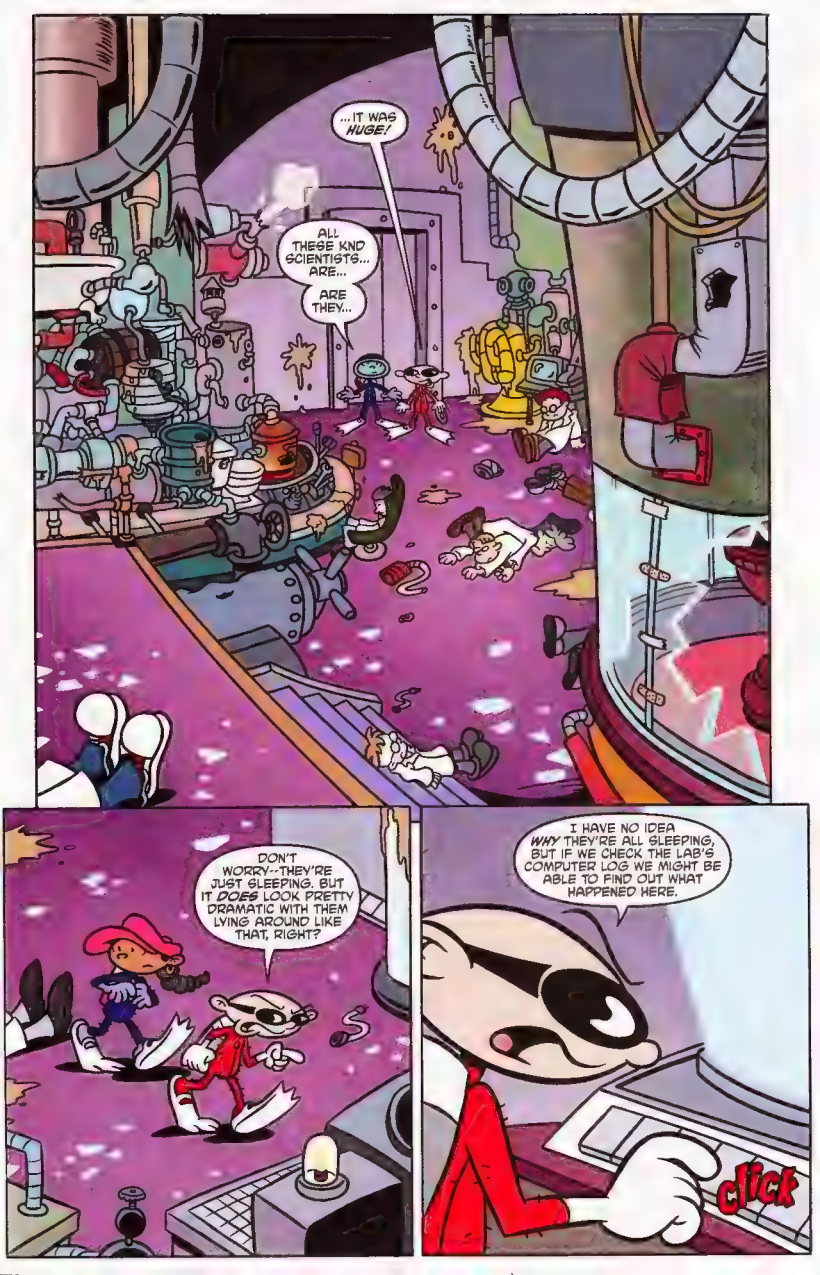
RESEARCHING WRITER: MR. WARBURTON
PENCILLING PHYSICIST: MAURICE FONTENOT
INKING ANALYST: THE IGUANA
LETTERING LAB TECH: TRAVIS LANHAM
COLOR CHEMIST: HEROIC AGE
MAD SCIENTIST: ELISABETH U. GEHRLEIN
IGOR: REX DOLE

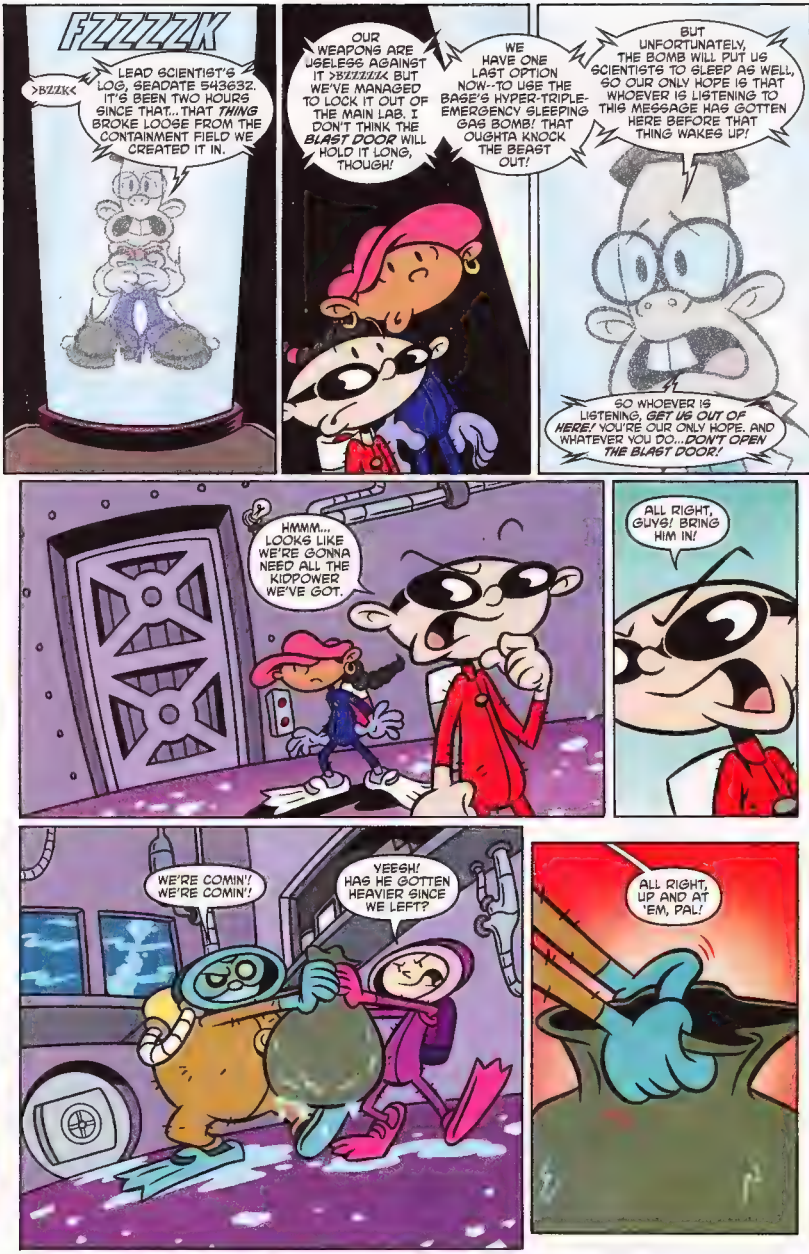
WHOOOOOAAAAAAA...

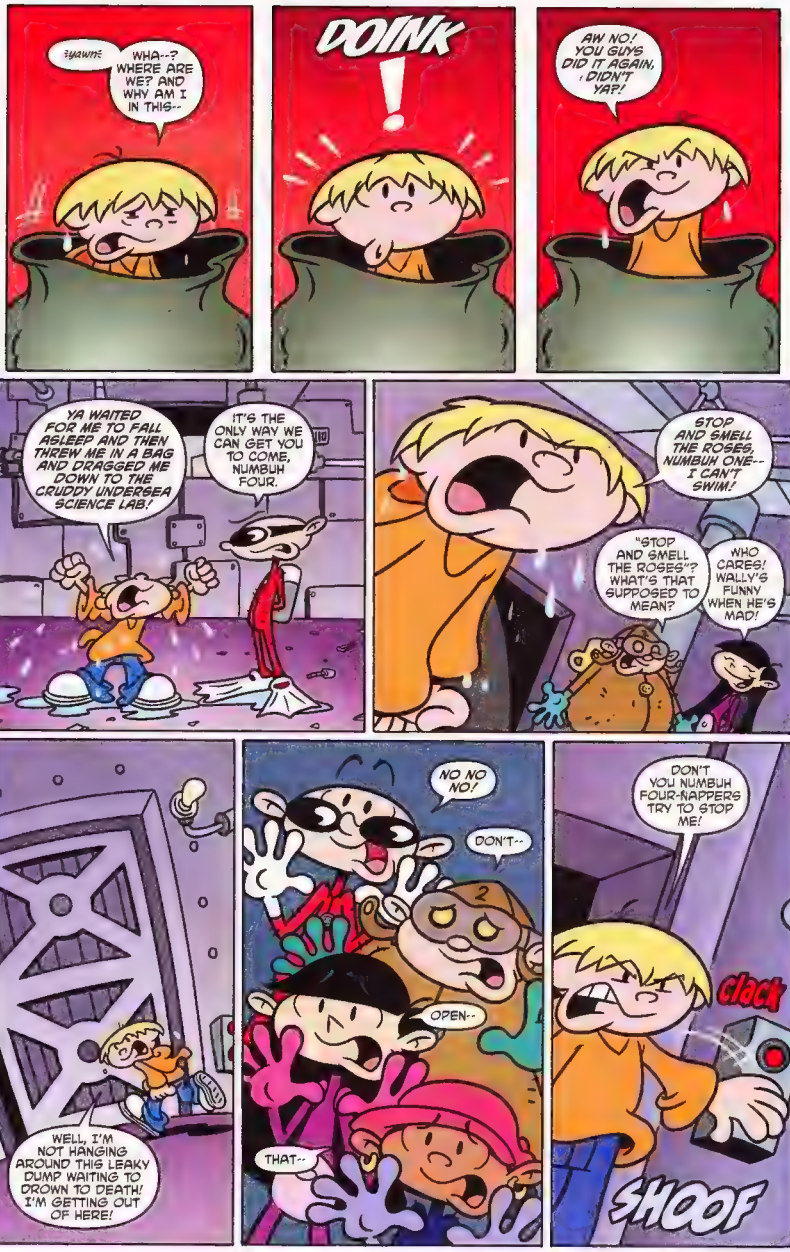
MAN, NUMBUH FIVE DOES *NOT* LIKE THE LOOKS OF *THIS!*

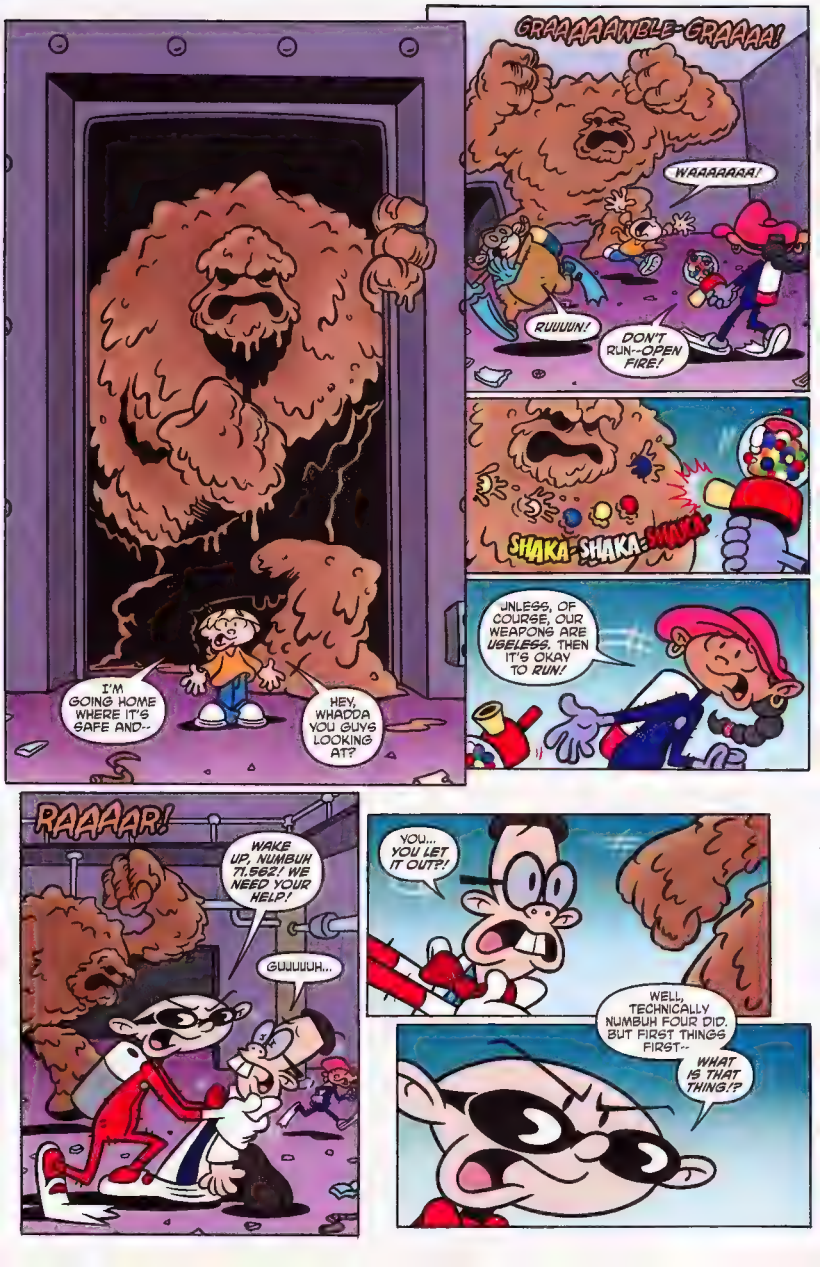
WHAT DO YOU THINK *HAPPENED*, NUMBUH ONE?

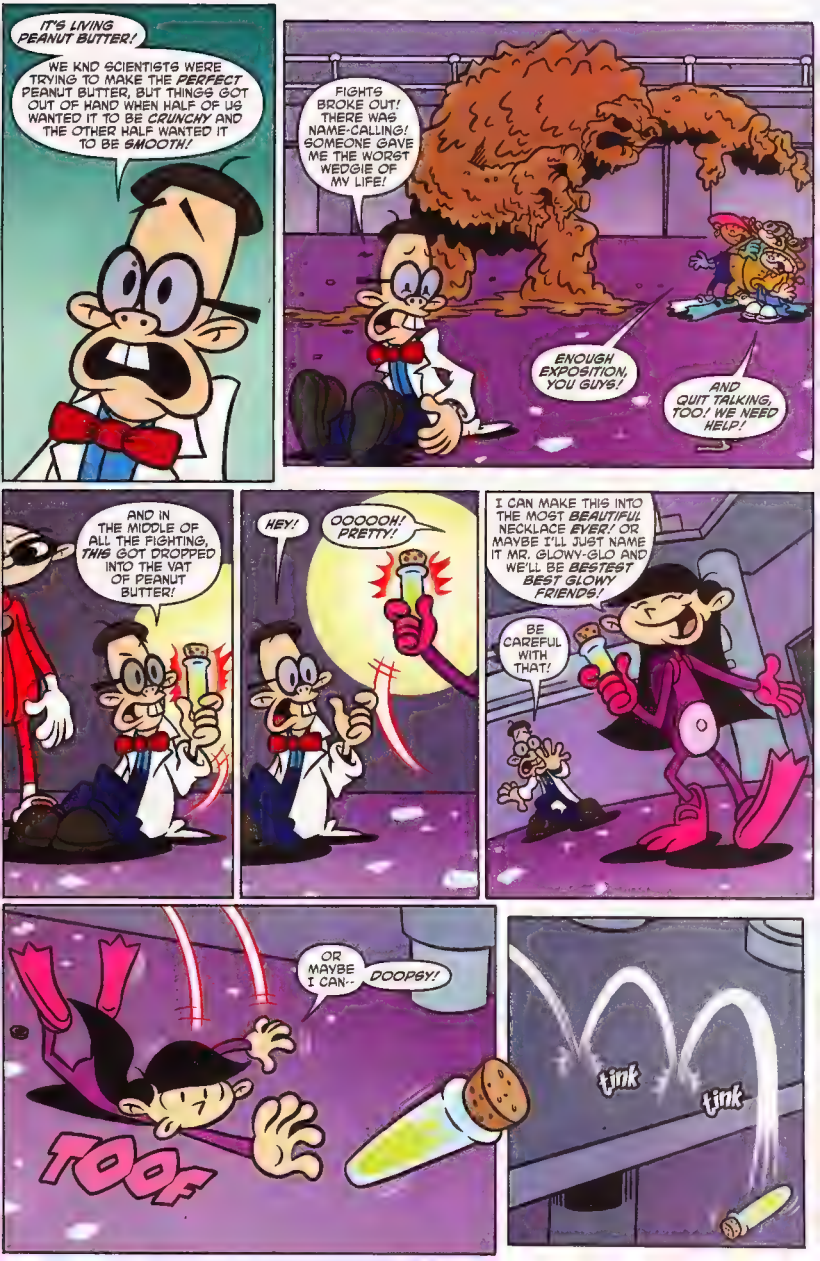
YOUR GUESS IS AS GOOD AS MINE, ABBY. BUT WHOEVER, OR *WHATEVER* DID THIS...


...IT WAS HUGE!
ALL THESE KND SCIENTISTS... ARE...
ARE THEY...
DON'T WORRY--THEY'RE JUST SLEEPING. BUT IT DOES LOOK PRETTY DRAMATIC WITH THEM LYING AROUND LIKE THAT, RIGHT?
I HAVE NO IDEA WHY THEY'RE ALL SLEEPING, BUT IF WE CHECK THE LAB'S COMPUTER LOG WE MIGHT BE ABLE TO FIND OUT WHAT HAPPENED HERE.
CLICK

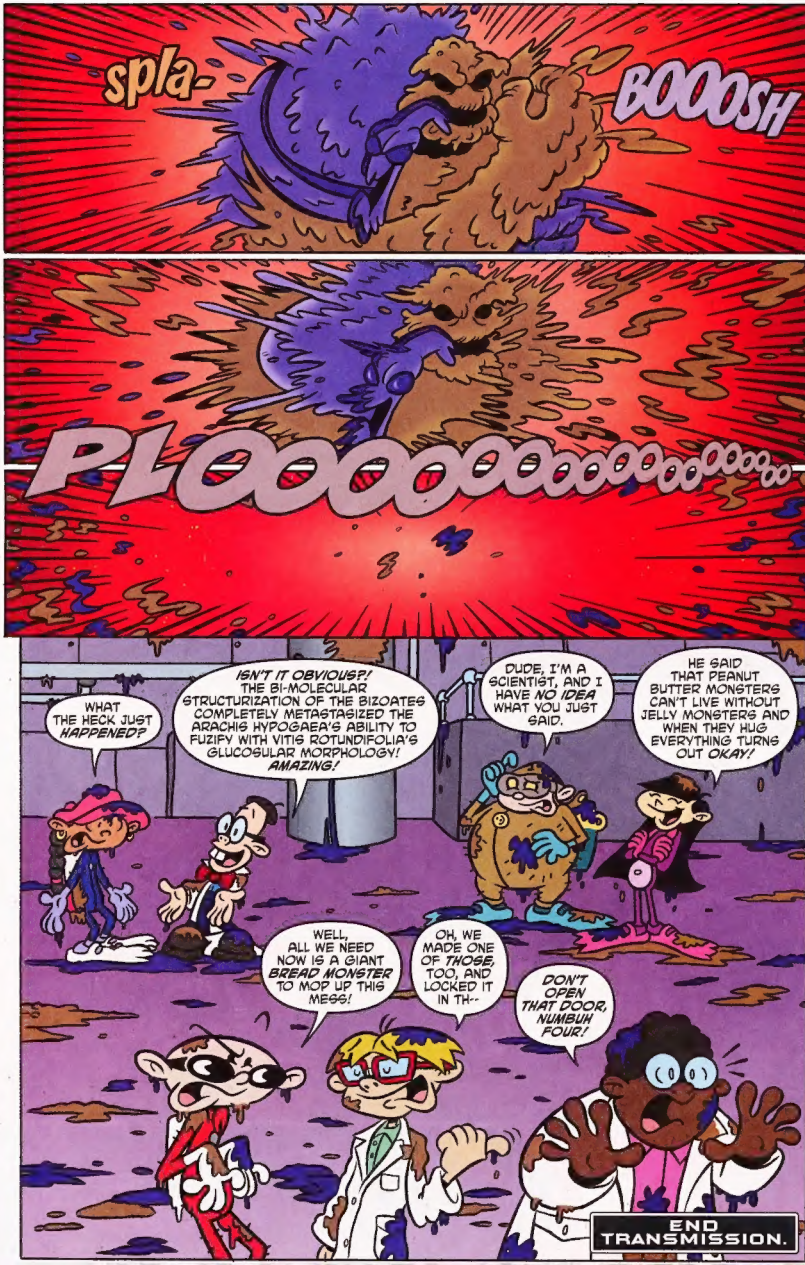

FZZZZK
>BZZK<
LEAD SCIENTIST'S LOG, SEADATE 543632. IT'S BEEN TWO HOURS SINCE THAT...THAT THING BROKE LOOSE FROM THE CONTAINMENT FIELD WE CREATED IT IN.
OUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS AGAINST IT >BZZZZZK BUT WE'VE MANAGED TO LOCK IT OUT OF THE MAIN LAB. I DON'T THINK THE BLAST DOOR WILL HOLD IT LONG, THOUGH!
WE HAVE ONE LAST OPTION NOW--TO USE THE BASE'S HYPER-TRIPLE-EMERGENCY SLEEPING GAS BOMB! THAT OUGHTA KNOCK THE BEAST OUT!
BUT UNFORTUNATELY, THE BOMB WILL PUT US SCIENTISTS TO SLEEP AS WELL, SO OUR ONLY HOPE IS THAT WHOEVER IS LISTENING TO THIS MESSAGE HAS GOTTEN HERE BEFORE THAT THING WAKES UP!
SO WHOEVER IS LISTENING, GET US OUT OF HERE! YOU'RE OUR ONLY HOPE. AND WHATEVER YOU DO...DON'T OPEN THE BLAST DOOR!
HMMM... LOOKS LIKE WE'RE GONNA NEED ALL THE KIDDOWER WE'VE GOT.
ALL RIGHT, GUYS! BRING HIM IN!
WE'RE COMIN'! WE'RE COMIN'!
YEEGH! HAS HE GOTTEN HEAVIER SINCE WE LEFT?
ALL RIGHT, UP AND AT 'EM, PAL!


:yawn:
WHA--? WHERE ARE WE? AND WHY AM I IN THIS--
DOINK!
AW NO! YOU GUYS DID IT AGAIN, DIDN'T YA?!
YA WAITED FOR ME TO FALL ASLEEP AND THEN THREW ME IN A BAG AND DRAGGED ME DOWN TO THE CRUDDY UNDERSEA SCIENCE LAB!
IT'S THE ONLY WAY WE CAN GET YOU TO COME, NUMBUH FOUR.
STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES, NUMBUH ONE--I CAN'T SWIM!
"STOP AND SMELL THE ROSES"? WHAT'S THAT SUPPOSED TO MEAN?
WHO CARES! WALLY'S FUNNY WHEN HE'S MAD!
WELL, I'M NOT HANGING AROUND THIS LEAKY DUMP WAITING TO DROWN TO DEATH! I'M GETTING OUT OF HERE!
NO NO NO!
DON'T--
OPEN--
THAT--
DON'T YOU NUMBUH FOUR-NAPPERS TRY TO STOP ME!
clack
SHOOF


I'M GOING HOME WHERE IT'S SAFE AND--
HEY, WHADDA YOU GUYS LOOKING AT?
GRAAAAAWBLE-GRAAAA!
WAAAAAAA!
RUUUUN!
DON'T RUN--OPEN FIRE!
SHAKA-SHAKA-SHAKA
UNLESS, OF COURSE, OUR WEAPONS ARE USELESS. THEN IT'S OKAY TO RUN!
RAAAAR!
WAKE UP, NUMBUH 71,562! WE NEED YOUR HELP!
GUUUUUH...
YOU... YOU LET IT OUT?!
WELL, TECHNICALLY NUMBUH FOUR DID. BUT FIRST THINGS FIRST--
WHAT IS THAT THING!?


IT'S LIVING PEANUT BUTTER!
WE KND SCIENTISTS WERE TRYING TO MAKE THE PERFECT PEANUT BUTTER, BUT THINGS GOT OUT OF HAND WHEN HALF OF US WANTED IT TO BE CRUNCHY AND THE OTHER HALF WANTED IT TO BE SMOOTH!
FIGHTS BROKE OUT! THERE WAS NAME-CALLING! SOMEONE GAVE ME THE WORST WEDGIE OF MY LIFE!
ENOUGH EXPOSITION, YOU GUYS!
AND QUIT TALKING, TOO! WE NEED HELP!
AND IN THE MIDDLE OF ALL THE FIGHTING, THIS GOT DROPPED INTO THE VAT OF PEANUT BUTTER!
HEY!
OOOOOH! PRETTY!
I CAN MAKE THIS INTO THE MOST BEAUTIFUL NECKLACE EVER! OR MAYBE I'LL JUST NAME IT MR. GLOWY-GLO AND WE'LL BE BESTEST BEST GLOWY FRIENDS!
BE CAREFUL WITH THAT!
OR MAYBE I CAN--
DOOPSY!
TOOF
tink
tink

FLOOP
PLEASE TELL ME YOU DIDN'T JUST DROP THAT VIAL IN THE GRAPE JELLY!
OKAY, BUT ONLY BECAUSE YOU SAID PLEASE!
I DIDN'T JUST DROP THAT VIAL INTO THE GRAPE JELLY!
BUT I DID.
RUUUUMBLE
GRAAAAAOOOBLE!
WE'RE SURROUNDED!
GRAAAAAAAOBLE!
RAAAAAOOOOOOOO!


spla-
BOOOSH
PLOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOOO
WHAT THE HECK JUST HAPPENED?
ISN'T IT OBVIOUS?! THE BI-MOLECULAR STRUCTURIZATION OF THE BIZOATES COMPLETELY METASTASIZED THE ARACHIS HYPOGAEA'S ABILITY TO FUZIFY WITH VITIS ROTUNDIFOLIA'S GLUCOSULAR MORPHOLOGY! AMAZING!
DUDE, I'M A SCIENTIST, AND I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT YOU JUST SAID.
HE SAID THAT PEANUT BUTTER MONSTERS CAN'T LIVE WITHOUT JELLY MONSTERS AND WHEN THEY HUG EVERYTHING TURNS OUT OKAY!
WELL, ALL WE NEED NOW IS A GIANT BREAD MONSTER TO MOP UP THIS MESS!
OH, WE MADE ONE OF THOSE, TOO, AND LOCKED IT IN TH--
DON'T OPEN THAT DOOR, NUMBUH FOUR!
END TRANSMISSION.

Send your letters today!

JOHNNY DC SAYS: LET THE MAIL BEGIN!

BATMAN THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD

It's time to get outta the cave! Bats is back and he's teaming up with your favorite DC Comics heroes for over-the-top action and a little superhero humor! This time the caped crusader goes beyond Gotham to battle enemies in exciting new locations. Be on the lookout for high-tech gadgets and the help of a different hero in each episode. Now everyone gets a chance to uphold justice with the universe's coolest hero -- Batman! Hang on tight for a new adventure every Friday night -- BATMAN: THE BRAVE AND THE BOLD only on Cartoon Network.

DRAWING BY JESSE ANDERSON, AGE 7

Hi, Johnny DC!

My favorite issue was #17, because the guy Ripjaw was awesome! And Upgrade, he was awesome!

I should tell you about my picture [follows letter]. This is me if I was Four Arms. It looks weird to me.

Zev Gould, age 6
Allentown, Pennsylvania

Of course it's weird! You don't have four eyes and arms every day!
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY ZEV GOULD

DRAWING BY JOHN MORENO, AGE 8

Dear Johnny DC,

I like CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #25 and #15 because I like both BEN 10 stories in them. In ACTION PACK #23, why was Gray Matter "wanted?" It just doesn't make sense.

Jonah Walker, age 7
Coalinga, California

You're right, the scene on the cover didn't exactly happen in the story, but sometimes the artist feels creative. The story WAS about alien hunters, and Gray Matter DID appear in it. And the result was a cool cover, don't you think?
— Johnny DC

DRAWING BY COLBY MARTIN, FROM IOWA

Dear Johnny DC,

Two years. Time sure flies by fast. I still recall getting my first issue of CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK! I've read so many enjoyable stories. I have been collecting the Alien Data Files for quick reference as I read BEN 10 stories.

My favorite story in issue #24 was "Special Defects." I loved all the monsters. I almost expected Scooby-Doo and Mystery Inc. to come to the aid of Ben.

I also liked the three K.N.D. one-page tales. I liked "Operation SCISSORS" best. I felt the printing press story was kind-of scary. I feel that the K.N.D. and D.C.F.D.T.L. are sort of like Spy vs. Spy. I have learned to take the stories as crazy, no-holds-barred humor.

Allen Klingelhoets
Barron, Wisconsin

DRAWING BY REN'E PEREZ, AGE 6

DRAWING BY ALYSSA AND REN'E PEREZ

Write to Johnny DC!
JOHNNY DC--
CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK
c/o DC COMICS
1700 BROADWAY
NEW YORK, NY 10019

All letters, photos and art submitted to us become property of DC Comics and may be edited and published by us and translated and published by our licensees. Sorry, we can't return submissions or reply personally. Thanks!

JOHNNY DC's

DC IN DEMAND!

TITANS, 'TOONS, AND TV STARS!

SUPER FRIENDS #9
The Super Friends celebrate Superman's birthday, but Lex Luthor wants to wish him a very un-happy day!

CARTOON NETWORK BLOCK PARTY #51
Scoutmaster Lumpus is missing, Dexter goes golfing, and Billy, Mandy, and Grim adopt an egg!

TINY TITANS #10
It's girls' day out as Supergirl and Batgirl try to find the perfect location for a tea party.

LOONEY TUNES #168
Duck Dodgers soars again, sort of!

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK #31
In a Ben 10 adventure, Heatblast II tells Kevin that he's wanted by the Plumbers, but Kevin's not going quietly!

THE LEGION OF SUPER-HEROES IN THE 31ST CENTURY #20
If Metallo uses Kryptonite to destroy Superman, will the Legion's fate unravel as well?

SCOOBY-DOO #138
In this issue The Quantum of Scooby starring Inc. Mystery Inc!

DC COMICS **DAN DIDIO**, Senior VP-Executive Editor **PAUL LEVITZ**, President & Publisher **GEORG BREWER**, VP-Design & DC Direct Creative **RICHARD BRUNING**, Senior VP-Creative Director **PATRICK CALDON**, Executive VP-Finance & Operations **CHRIS CARAMALIS**, VP-Finance **JOHN CUNNINGHAM**, VP-Marketing **TERRI CUNNINGHAM**, VP-Managing Editor **AMY GENKINS**, Senior VP - Business & Legal Affairs **ALISON GILL**, VP-Manufacturing **DAVID HYDE**, VP-Publicity **HANK KANALZ**, VP-General Manager, WildStorm **JIM LEE**, Editorial Director-WildStorm **GREGORY NOVECK**, Senior VP - Creative Affairs **SUE POHJA**, VP - Book Trade Sales **STEVE ROTTERDAM**, Senior VP-Sales & Marketing **CHERYL RUBIN**, Senior VP-Brand Management **ALYSSE SOLL**, VP - Advertising & Custom Publishing **JEFF TROJAN**, VP-Business Development, DC Direct **BOB WAYNE**, VP-Sales

CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK 31, January, 2008. Published monthly by DC Comics, 1700 Broadway, New York, NY 10019. POSTMASTER: Send address changes to CARTOON NETWORK ACTION PACK, DC Comics Subscriptions, P.O. Box 308, Congers, NY 10920. Annual subscription rate (12 issues) $27.00. Canadian subscribers must add $12.00 for postage and GST. GST # is R129021072. All foreign countries must add $12.00 for postage. U.S. funds only. The stories, characters and incidents mentioned in this magazine are entirely fictional. DC Comics does not read or accept unsolicited submissions of ideas, stories or artwork. Printed in Canada. DC Comics, a Warner Bros. Entertainment Company. This book is manufactured at a facility holding chain-of-custody certification. This paper is made with sustainably managed, and recycled, North American fiber.

Copyright © 2008 Cartoon Network.
CARTOON NETWORK, the logo, BEN 10: ALIEN FORCE, SAMURAI JACK, CODENAME: KIDS NEXT DOOR and all related characters and elements are trademarks of and © Cartoon Network.

WB SHIELD: ™ & © Warner Bros. Entertainment Inc. (s09)